to uncover the names of beneficiaries in the Bofors pay-off scandal- and

(b) what are the names of Government officials who have visited Switzerland, Sweden and other countries for the investigation into this scandal and the expenditure incurred on these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) An FIR was lodged by the CBI on 22-1-90 in a Court of Law. At the request of the CBI, the swiss authorities have frozen on 26-1-1990 six Swiss Bank Accounts connected with, the | investigations into the Bofors transaction. A Letter Rogatory was delivered to the Swiss authorities on 9-2-1990. The investigations are still in progress.

(b) A team of four officers (S|Shri Bhure Lal, joint Secretary PMO; Arun [Jaitly, Addl. Solicitor-General, Ministry of Law; K. Madhavan and R. M. Singh, DIG and SP, respectively, of the CBI) visited Switzerland and Sweden. Normal expenditure on Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance, as admissible to the officers under the normal rules, was incurred on their visits.

Co-operation of foreign investigation agencies in the gun ileal

1720. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

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(a) what are the conclusions of the | team which has visited recently Switzerland and Sweden in connection with the enquiry on the Bofors Howitzer gun deal;

(b) whether the team had been in touch with any foreign investigating agency or Interpol in this connection;

(c) if so, whether any foreign investigating agemy has assured its cooperation in the mattors; and

(d) if so, what progress has been, achieved?'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MININSTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (d) A team of officers, which visited Switzerland and Sweden recently, contacted the concerned agencies in these countries and were promised cooperation in the matter. Six Swiss Bank Accounts were frozen by the Swiss authorities on 26-1-1990. The investigations are continuing and as conclusions can be drawn till these are completed.

Ban on advertisements of baby food on Ail India Radio and Doordarshan

1721. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suspended advertisements of all baby foods on AIR and Doordarshan to promote breast feeding and are thinking of banning their avertisements in print media also

(b) whether it is a fact that manufacturers and their distributors offer big incentives to private hospitals and nursing homes by supplying baby foods at highly concessional rate to push their sales; and

(c) whether Government proposes to place restrictions on private hospitals and nursing homes for accepting free samples of baby foods and feeding bottles and also pass an 'Infant Milks Foods and Feeding Bottles (Regulation of Production and Distribution) Bill' to help promote breastfeeding in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON); (a) The Information and Broadcasting Ministry have decided that the avertisements for baby foods can be accepted by AIR and Doordarshan so long as the manufacturers and distributors of these products do not promote them as being suitable for use as partial or total

substitutes for breast milk. Each proposal is required to be examined on its owm merits before final acceptance. As regards the advertisements in the print media, the matter is under consideration.

(b) No such instance has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(c) The entire matter is under consideration.

Investigation about the disregard of the instructions for purchasing stationery

1722. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2288 given in the Rajya Sabha On the 27th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether there is any department in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions to make surprise checks| investigations about the disregard to Government's instruction dated the 14th July, 1981 to all the Ministries|Departments to make local purchases of stationery and other items only from Kendriya Bhandar if so>, the details, thereof;

(b) if not, the manner in which Government keep watch over violation of its direction- and

(c) whether Government propose to depute their representatives in all Ministries! Departments|Autonomous body particularly in C.P.W.D. Enquiries, Division-Offices of Civil Electrical side to watch such violation; if so, by when and if not, the reasons, therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There is no such Department to make surprise checks [investigations about the disregard of Government's instructions. There are clear instructions to regulate purchases of stationery and other items by all Ministries|Deptts.

(b) The Ministries|Deptts. are to enforce instructions of the Govt, through their respective Administration Divisions. All such purchases are liable to be checked by Audit.

(c) In the fight of (b) above, it is not felt necessary to depute another checking agency.

Irregularities in the appointments in Punjabi University, Patiala

1723. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the candidates selected by the Public Service Commission for a particular post are not appointed on a lower grade than the grade for which they are selected;

(b) whether appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University was made against the provisions of rules and regulations;

(c) whether any complaint has been received regarding submission of fraudulent bio-data against the Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University, who was a Reader in the same University in the Department of Political Science;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether a Junior Reader was appointed head of the Department in the University against the rules; and

(f) if so, what efforts are being made to correct the procedure and appoint eligible persons on these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Candidates selected by the Public Service Commission for a particular post are generally not appointed to a post which has a lower scale of pay.